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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, the protector of those who put their trust in You, on this National Day of Prayer, we thank You for the gift of intercession. When in need, we can enter Your throne room with our praise and petitions. When tempted to despair, we have an antidote in prayer.

Transform the lives of our lawmakers as they seek You in prayer. Free them to live life more fully. Through their ups and downs, help them to love You with a decisive loyalty. Lord, draw them to a relationship of grateful trust in You, as they seek Your wisdom in solving the challenging questions which trouble our world. Hear the prayers of Your people today and always.

We pray in Your amazing Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 3, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. CASEY thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today, following any time that may be used by the leaders, there will be 60 minutes of debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dorgan drug reimportation amendment, with the time divided between Senators DORGAN and the Republican leader or his designee. The vote then will occur around 10:30 or a few minutes after that this morning. Members who have second-degree amendments to the Dorgan amendment must file them by 10 this morning. A number of other amendments are still pending, and today will be a busy day, with votes occurring throughout the day.

Another issue which will need the Senate's attention will be the conference on the budget resolution. The House is going to act either today or Monday appointing conferees, which will mean we will act shortly thereafter. The chairman of the Budget Committee, Senator CONRAD, and the ranking member, Senator GREGG, have had initial conversations about the likelihood of there being motions to instruct the conferees.

Under the Budget Act, there is a maximum of 10 hours of debate to get

to conference. I would hope the two managers of that budget resolution, Senators CONRAD and GREGG, can make a determination as to how many motions to instruct there will be to give some idea. As I understand the rule, we have 10 hours of debate no matter what. If there are motions to instruct that have been filed and not enough time to debate them, the votes will take place with no debate. I hope there will be adequate time to debate whatever motions to instruct and basic conversation about that most important budget resolution that we need to complete so we can get to the appropriations bills. I will be discussing this matter with the Republican leader and may have more to say during the day.

If there is a lull in the schedule today, we have a number of judges we can vote on. We may do that. Senators KENNEDY and ENZI have done a masterful job in moving this matter along. We hope they will continue their masterful work and complete this legislation.

I do say, as I have said, but it is worth repeating, Senator ENZI and Senator KENNEDY, some would say, are not a matched pair. They have different political philosophies, they come from different parts of the country. But that is really what the Senate is all about. They have set an example of how individual Senators can work together. They are really exemplary, as far as I am concerned, in being able to move a very difficult, complicated piece of legislation by understanding that this is not the last word. There is going to be a conference. Senator KENNEDY has told Senator ENZI that he would be a part of that conference. They trust each other. That is important. We finished the competition bill last week. This is another step forward. I hope we can complete this bill today.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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